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Pennsylvania's Vegetable Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, July 11, 2007 --- Vegetable processors in **Pennsylvania** have contracted 9,200 acres of snap beans in 2007, down 6 percent from the 9,800 acres contracted in 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Pennsylvania's forecasts based on the 2007 July Fresh Market Vegetable Survey indicate a slight decrease in harvested acreage for fresh market sweet corn. Fresh market sweet corn acres for harvest are forecast at 17,000, down 2 percent from last year's 17,400 acres.

United States **processors** have contracted 1.21 million acres to be planted to the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes). This acreage is up 1 percent from last year for comparable states. Acreage increases for cucumbers for pickles, green peas and tomatoes were more than offset by declines in snap beans and sweet corn. Green pea contracted production, at 409,940 tons, up 1 percent from 2006. Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.3 million tons, up 17 percent from 2006 for comparable states.

At the United States level, prospective acreage for harvest of 11 selected **fresh market vegetables** during the summer quarter in the major producing states is forecast to be 296,600 acres, down 1 percent from last year. Acreage declines in snap beans, broccoli, celery, head lettuce, and bell peppers more than offset acreage increases in cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, cucumbers, and tomatoes. Cauliflower area remains unchanged.

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